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SUBJECT: NEED FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSURE IMPLMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) PROGRAMS

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SUMMARY: GOJ CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC THIS YEAR REPEAT OF 200,000 DOLLARS CONTRIBUTIONS LAST YEAR.EMBOFF COMMUNICATED TO FONOFF USG WISH THAT AMOUNT HAD BEEN MORE. PROSPECT FOR ANOTHER UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION INFALL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET EXTREMELY DIM. PRESSURE BEST APPLIED IN LATE FALL DURING COMPILATION OF REGULAR ANNUAL BUDGET.

1. EMBOFF FEG 12 CALED ON FONOFF UN BUREAU SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR, ICHIRO OTAKA, TO INQUIRE ADUT GOJ CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS YEAR. OTAKA SAID GOJ FY 1975 (APRIL 1, 1975 - MARCH 31, 1976) BUDGET NOW BEFORE DIET INCLUDES 200,000 DOLLARS FOR UNFDAC, SAME AS LAST FY OUTLAY. GOJ DELEGATE (HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY OFFICIAL) TO COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS WILL STATE THAT JAPAN PLEDGES THIS AMOUNT SUBJECT TO DIET APPROVAL. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. OTAKA AND HIS ASSISTANTIN CHARGE OF NARCOTICS MATTERS ASKED SEVERAL SEARCHING QUESTIONSDURING EMBOFF BRIEFING, INCLUDING LEVEL OF USG BUDGETED UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION FOR FY 1976, REASON FOR RESUMPTION OF TURKISH POPPY CULTIVATION AND TRENDS IN US NARCOTIC USAGE. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBOFF WAS NOT ABLE TO DIRECTLY ANSWER QUESTION ABOUT USG FY 1976 BUDGETED CONTRIBUITION BASED ON REFTEL.
- 3. AFTER OBTAINING USG OUTLAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC CONTROL IN FY 1974 AND 1975, AND BUDGETED FIGURE FOR FY 1976, EMBOFF CALLED OTAKA FEB 13 TO POINT SIGNIGICANT YEARLY INCREASES IN USG CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL EFFORT. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION FOR UFDAC BEFORE FONMIN TRIMMING WAS "ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE" THAN 200,000 DOLLARS. HE COMMENTED THAT NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL EFFORT WAS NOT ACUTELY FELT WITHIN JAPANESE BUREACRACY. WHEN HE ASKED IF EMBASSY WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH 200,000DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION, EMBOFF ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY AND POINTED OUT THAT REAL LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION HAD DROPPED DUE TO INFLATION.
- 4. CMMMENT: ACCORDING TO JAPANESE BUDGETRY
 USAGE, 200,000 DOLLARS LINE ITEM IS SET IN CONCRETE
 ONCE GOJ SUBMITS BUDGET TO DIET. EMBASSY BELEIVES
 CHANCES OF USG SUCCESSFULLY URGING GOJ TO INCLUDE
 ANOTHER ALLOCATION FOR UNFDAC IN FALL 1975 SUPPLEMENTARY
 BUDGET ARE DIM. EFFORT WOULD REQUIRE MAJOR AND CONCERTED
 USG CONTACT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON
 WITHOUT ASSURED SUCCESS. BEST TIME TO INFLUENCE JAPANESE
 REGULAR ANNUAL BUDGETRY PROCESS STARTS IN EARLY FALL
 WHEN MINISTRIES PRESENT DRAFTS TO FINMIN. PRIOR TO THEN,
 AS OCAASION ARISES, EMBASSY WILL COMMUNICATE TO FONOFF
 DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER CONTRIBUTION IN GOJ
 FY 1976.
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